

Town of Branchville
Regular Council Meeting
April 11, 2016

The regular Council meeting for Town of Branchville was held on April 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. A notice was placed on the door of the Town Hall with the time, date, and place of the meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor H. Franklin Dickson. Mayor, Council, along with all those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer.

Council Member Roll called indicated that all members of council were present except Councilman Whisenhunt and Councilman Dukes by Clerk Metts.

Guests were welcomed by Mayor H. Franklin Dickson.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Blankenship made the motion to approve March 4, 2016 minutes. Councilman Ott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports:

1. General Fund: Councilman Blankenship made the motion to approve the financial reports. Councilman Ott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Water and Sewer: Councilman Blankenship made the motion to approve the financial reports. Councilwoman Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Municipal Court: Councilman Ott made the motion to approve the financial reports. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Mosquito control: Orangeburg County will start 2nd week in May. Mayor has already seen mosquito control truck out in Branchville.

2. Resolution to match 10% of CDBG grant: Councilman Blankenship made motion to approve the resolution to match the grant with the 10%. Councilman Ott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Rural Water meeting: Rural water will provide cameras to check sewer systems. Alvin Jeffcoat is checking manholes for incoming water. The quote will be \$1200 per day.

4. Street lights on Hughes St: Mayor Dickson stated the price of the street lights on Hughes St by SCE&G.

5. USDA 3/24 follow up: Mayor Dickson will update council as more information comes available.

6. Lights at the playground: Mayor Dickson spoke with Mike Henry @ SCE&G with daylight savings time here, the lights are not top priority but will follow up.

7. BYS meeting: Councilman Blankenship stated that construction of new complex is ahead of schedule. We have 3 quotes for bids to put in water system. Councilman Blankenship made the motion to accept the low bid with the understanding of the smaller manholes and meters. Money will come from penny/sports complex. Councilwoman Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried. Stop by Horton Field to see some good baseball.

8. Park sign: Councilman Ott stated for reimbursement for the PARD grant we must show check cleared the bank before submitting. Hope to have this done by end of week.

9. Police Body Camera Policy revised: Chief Clark stated that the revision is up to date and has been sent in and has been approved.

New Business

- 1. Clean Up Branchville Day:** Christopher Wright announced that clean up day will be Saturday, April 16. We will meet at 200 Stephens Street around 8. A flyer was mailed out to community last week. Soup lunch will be provided. Will plant a tree on Earth Day near the school.
- 2. Intersection Highway 21 & Highway 210:** Marianna Street requests rubble strips to be installed on Hwy 21 & 210 to help prevent accidents.
- 3. Advisement for Project for 3rd penny bids:** Mayor Dickson stated that the 3rd penny must be used by August 2017.
- 4. 4th penny projects:** Mayor Dickson apologizes for last minute needs to Stephanie the ideas by Friday, April 15. Councilman Blankenship made the motion to have meeting on Wednesday, April 13 to talk about ideas for Stephanie for the 4th penny. Councilman Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 5. Rail road Museum Landscape:** Mayor Dickson would like to get the Railroad Museum straighten up, clean around and put red mulch out. State Museum will be here on April 21 to do a story on Mr. Johnny Norris and the Railroad Museum. Museum will repay for the mulch.
- 6. AC for work truck:** Councilman Jennings stated that he has a quote from Family Ford in St George to fix the AC in the work Truck for around \$1600. Councilman Jennings made motion to approve the quote to fix the AC. Councilman Blankenship seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 7. Audit Renewal with McGregor & Company:** Councilman Jennings stated the current contract with McGregor & Company (the auditor) has expired and request a renewal to start April 15. Councilman Ott made the motion to accept the contract with McGregor & Company for 3 years. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 8. Water Backflow adapters:** Councilman Ott stated that a couple of businesses only really need the testing and backflow adaptors installed. All others can disregard. If businesses have questions, please call town hall.

Public Comments-Agenda Items:

Vivian Fogle stated that the survey is asking about personal business.

Vivian Fogle stated that she pays her water bills on time and that there is always an amount left. There is a negative amount on the receipt.

Vivian Fogle asked about lights on Hughes St & Buttes St.

William Metts confirmed that all information on the survey is kept confidential.

Helen Salters stated she had done some research the requirements about Block Grant online. Mayor stated that when census was returned, the town of Branchville had 50.01%, we are 0.49% from meeting the requirements that is why the survey needs to be done.

Gregory Oliver commented on lighting estimate for Hughes St & Buttes St.

Lorianne Miller stated that there is really no need to spend the money at the playground for lighting. Playground should have set hours.

Gregory Oliver stated that the lights can be repositioned for better lighting at the playground

Public Comments-Other Items: none at the present time

Items of information:

Raylrode Daze Fun Day: Councilman Jennings stated that the Fun Day will be held Saturday, April 30. Activities will start at 8am and will conclude with Bingo and the movie: Finding Nemo.

Raylrode Daze Pageant: Councilman Jennings said the pageant will be held on Saturday, April 30 @ 2:30pm in Branch Junction.

Meeting with Natasha Merrell: Mayor Dickson stated that meeting with her will be rescheduled.

Street Improvements: Mayor Dickson stated that highway department was here April 7 to look at streets for improvements. Hope to have it done by Raylrode Daze in September.

4th Penny: Mayor mentioned a meeting @ 6pm on April 13, 2016 for 4th penny will be held here at town Hall.

Adjournment: Councilman Ott made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. The motion carried. The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Metts

Clerk of Court in the absence of Jenny Elliott, Town Clerk/Treasurer